

Fw: Hudson River Dredging Project and GE PCBs
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FYI - NGOs thanking for the meeting and expressing their rejection of the 10 + 10/14% = 20-24% for capping as "a violation" of the ROD.

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Re: Hudson River Dredging and GE PCBs

Dear Mr. Sussman:

Please find attached a letter from representatives of Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, Natural Resources

Defense Council and Clearwater regarding our meeting with you yesterday. We thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Troutman

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Re: Hudson River Dredging Project – GE PCBs

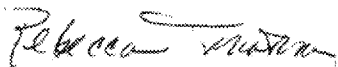
Dear Mr. Sussman:

Thank you so much for meeting with us yesterday during this critical time -- we found the discussions very informative. We are pleased that EPA is moving towards a two-pass approach to the dredging, which should be required as needed. However, we are very unhappy to hear of the high percentage of capping that is being discussed.

In the conversation that continued yesterday after you had to leave, we learned that EPA is considering allowing PCBs to be left behind, at levels higher than the 1ppm Tri+ PCBs stated in the 2002 Record of Decision, in up to 24% of the area to be dredged in Phase 2. As we understand this scenario, in addition to the 10% where capping is expected to be unavoidable (e.g., because of extreme site constraints), an additional 10-14% of the Phase 2 area could be capped. As discussed at the meeting, this would be unacceptable to our organizations and a violation of the Record of Decision.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. We appreciate that Administrator Jackson will be available to meet with us next week, and we look forward to that opportunity.

Sincerely,



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